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Attached is a copy of the Petition to Convert Continued Prosecution Application which we filed on May 31, 2000, with a copy of the return postcard stamped received by the PTO on June 5, 2000.

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Applicant : Henry Samueli, et al.
Application No. : Not Yet Assigned
Filed : January 20, 1998
Title : SYSTEM FOR, AND METHOD OF, PROCESSING QUADRATURE
AMPLITUDE MODULATED SIGNALS

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**PETITION TO CONVERT CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION
TO A 1.53(b) CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.182**

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Post Office Box 7068
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May 31, 2000

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.182, applicants hereby petition to convert a Continued Prosecution Application to a 1.53(b) Continuation Application. The above-identified continuation application was erroneously mailed to "Box CPA" on January 20, 1998 and apparently treated as a CPA by the Patent Office. However, it is clear that applicants intended for the application to be a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). First of all, the transmittal sheet submitted with the application indicates that the application was being submitted as a continuation under 37 CFR 1.53(b). A copy of the entire application, including the declaration as originally filed, was submitted with the transmittal sheet, as is done for a continuation application filing, but not for a continued prosecution application filing. And, the specification was preliminarily amended to recite on the first line: "This is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/285,504, filed August 3, 1994."

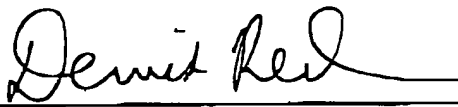
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Thus, it is clear that the application filed on January 20, 1998, was intended to be filed as a continuation application, and was mistakenly sent to "Box CPA." Therefore, applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to convert the application to a continuation application, to assign a serial number to the application, and to cause the application to be examined in due course.

In connection with this petition, applicant hereby submits a copy of the entire filing on January 20, 1998, as well as a copy of the returned postcard. A copy of a Substitute Power of Attorney filed in the parent case, application number 08/285,504, is also submitted. And, the requisite petition fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h) is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

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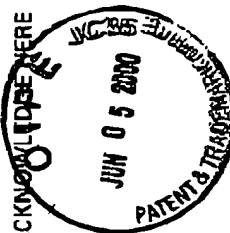
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